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News worth sharing.

Winnipeg growing, but not as fast as other cities

Population increase driven by immigrants coming in under the Provincial Nominee Program: Province

New Canada census data released Wednesday shows the population of the Winnipeg metropolitan area grew 5.1 per cent since last counted in 2006. Manitoba's growth rate doubled since 2006, clocking in at 5.2 per cent.

"It's a very healthy growth rate and we can certainly manage it," said Mayor Sam Katz. "I'm very happy to see that. My goal would be, with council, to keep that going."

However, both the city and province trailed the national growth rate of 5.9 per cent.

"Manitoba's growing, the economy's growing, and more and more people are calling Manitoba home," said Training and Trade Minister Peter Bjornson.

Bjornson said provincial population growth was primarily due to new immigrants under the Provincial Nominee Program. New immigrants under the program are critical to economic success, he said.

"With the individual nominees that come we have 76 per cent that are homeowners after three to five years, and 85 per cent of them were working after three months … so it's an incredible contribution that's being made by new Manitobans," Bjornson said.

Western provinces, where the recession had less of an impact than in Central and Eastern Canada, led the way in population growth. Alberta saw the highest increase at 10.8 per cent, followed by British Columbia (seven per cent).

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Winnipeg CMA
- **Population in 2006:** 694,668
- **Population in 2011:** 730,018

Manitoba
- **Population in 2006:** 1,148,401
- **Population in 2011:** 1,208,268

Canada
- **Population in 2006:** 31,612,897
- **Population in 2011:** 33,476,688

Gang. Awareness

▶ Floyd Wiebe of Gang Awareness for Parents speaks to media at the kickoff for GAIN Wednesday. Nine years ago his son, T.J., was brutally beaten, injected with Drano, choked, stabbed, and left naked to die in a frozen ditch outside Winnipeg. At the GAIN kickoff, Wiebe, a former GAIN co-chair, said spending money to expand jails is not a solution to gang crime, adding prevention is a better solution. See story, page 4.

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Victim's father says expanding jails not a solution

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Adoption agency stays in business

Families waiting to find out whether the agency in charge of bringing their internationally adopted children to Canada will remain operational have received good news.

The Canadian Advocate of the Adoption of Children (CAFAC) released a statement on its website Tuesday announcing an "emerging opportunity" that will allow it to continue ongoing operations.

"At this time, we have not ceased operations and continue to provide essential services," stated the letter addressed to families and friends of the agency. "CAFAC client files and trust funds have not been transferred to the province and remain in our care."

The Manitoba-based agency had earlier said it would have to close its doors and transfer all files to the Manitoba government unless the province loosened regulations and allowed it to charge more for services.

SHANE GIBSON

Lynx mistaken for cougar

Turns out the Transcona cougar reported last July was a Lynx.

Provincial zoologist Bill Watkins said an eyewitness reported the animal as "twice the size of her house cat … had tufted ears, fluffy face, and short tail." Officers also found lynx tracks.

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▶ Tory water-stewardship critic Ian Wishart says while his party supports the Manitoba government's independent flood review task force, the idea should have been started months ago so the recommendations could be implemented in the spring.

Province launches reviews of 2011 flooding

- Independent task forces to look into province's response and readiness
- More than 2,600 Manitobans are still displaced from their homes

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The Manitoba government has put together an independent task force to review what went right and what went wrong in last year's flood fight.

Infrastructure and Transportation Minister Steve Ashton said the task force — chaired by David Farling, who led a similar review following the 1997 flood — is part of one of four separate reviews launched into the province's response to 2011's historic flooding across the province.

"We don't just look at what went well.... You also ask the question what could we have done better this time, and what can we do better next time," said Ashton. "I have every faith that … we'll come up with a better system out of this."

The flood-review task force will examine a number of areas including provincial and municipal preparedness and response, flood forecasting, public communications and information sharing, and operation of flood-control infrastructure.

Ashton also announced a Lake Manitoba and Lake St. Martin review committee, a flood-mitigation study for the Lake Manitoba watershed and the Assiniboine River basin, and a forum leading to a provincewide surface-water management study.

The reviews will cost $4 million — money well spent according to Ashton, who noted the province has shelled out roughly $850 million in costs associated with the 2011 flood.

Both the opposition Liberals and Progressive Conservatives applauded the independent reviews but say the ball should have started rolling months ago so the recommendations would be put in place by spring.

The review results are expected to be made public within the next six to nine months and Ashton says any immediate recommendations brought to the government before then will be considered.

"If there are interim recommendations prior to that completion date, we are certainly asking the review task force to provide that information directly to government," he said.

Police warn of sex offender's release

The Manitoba Integrated High Risk Sex Offender Unit is warning the public about the release of a man convicted of sexually assaulting a teenage girl.

Winston George Thomas, 34, is considered to be a high risk to re-offend, and is expected to move to Winnipeg following his release Wednesday.

Thomas has a criminal record for sexual offences, aggravated assault, assault and numerous other criminal offences, including break-and-enter with intent to commit an indictable offence.

Police warn that females of all ages are at risk of sexual violence.

In March 2007, Thomas and two other males met a 13-year-old girl at a Winnipeg shopping centre and took her to a home where liquor and marijuana were consumed. The girl was prevented from leaving and Thomas engaged in a sexual act with her.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Winston George Thomas

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News in brief

Drug-related charges laid

CRACK COCAINE. Four people are facing charges after Winnipeg police found powdered crack cocaine, cash and an electronic control device while executing two drug search warrants Tuesday.

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Suspect sought in sexual assault

NIGHT. Police are looking for a suspect after a 21-year-old woman was sexually assaulted in the 1500 block of Pembina Highway Tuesday night.

Police are looking for a male suspect 40 to 50 years of age, East Indian in appearance with glasses and sparse facial hair.

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GAIN uniting to combat gangs

Initiative groups agencies into three cogwheels — prevention, suppression and intervention More than two dozen agencies will work to prevent street gangs

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An anti-gang initiative involving more than two dozen Winnipeg agencies got underway Wednesday with workshops at the Aboriginal Centre.

The Gang Action Interagency Network (GAIN), two years in the making, is a new non-governmental umbrella group for agencies focused on combating youth involvement in street gangs.

GAIN co-chair Jamil Mahmood said the network will "bring groups together, link frameworks and identify key areas we can work in to prevent gangs."

About 125 people spent Wednesday in workshops related to each of the anti-gang cogwheel groups.

The three agency groupings will meet separately each month, and as a whole every three months.

Representatives from all three levels of government and the Winnipeg Police Service also attended the workshops.

"Who should be at those tables, who should be developing those projects, which groups are best to take the lead?" Mahmood asked.

"Those things are being flushed out today."

Police will not comment on how many gangs are in Winnipeg or how many youth are involved.

In an email Const. Jason Michalyshen wrote gangs are a "serious concern.... Gangs are all about making money and unfortunately at the expense of others."

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Sea. Ice

▶ From left, an unidentified man, Minister Dave Chomiak, U of M president Dr. David Bernard, Canada Foundation for Innovation board member Albert Friesen and project leader Feiyue Wang break the ice at the University of Manitoba's new Sea-Ice Environmental Research Facility Wednesday.

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Professor Popsicle's new pool?

The facility is essentially a large salt-water pond that will allow scientists to monitor the formation of sea ice on water and compare it to sea ice up north.

Longtime MLA, minister dies

Larry Desjardins, a longtime MLA and cabinet member, died on Tuesday. He was 88.

Desjardins spent almost 30 years in the legislature, representing St. Boniface and was appointed health-care minister.

He was also an athlete, having played for the Winnipeg Blue Bombers, and was an advocate for fitness and sport.

He was inducted into the sports hall of fame in 1990. METRO

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Disclosure case comes to high court

The Supreme Court will begin hearing arguments today concerning the obligations of those infected with the virus that can lead to AIDS.

At issue is whether it's a crime for people with HIV to keep their condition from their sexual partners if the risk of transmission is low.

Prosecutors argue people infected with HIV must always inform their partners, regardless of risk of transmission.

Advocates for people with HIV say this thinking criminalizes carriers of the virus and doesn't acknowledge the science that determines the likelihood of transmission.

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Person of interest sought in shooting of Mounties

- Sergeant asks public not to approach Sawyer Clarke Robison
- Officials find unidentified body in home where standoff took place

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▶ RCMP tactical team members at a road block north of the scene where two RCMP officers were shot, east of Sedgewick, Alta., on Tuesday.

RCMP confirmed Wednesday that one man was found dead in a rural Alberta house where two Mounties were shot.

Sgt. Patrick Webb said a search was on for a 27-year-old man, Sawyer Clarke Robison, seen leaving the property after four officers from the detachment in Killam, about 160 kilometres southeast of Edmonton, arrived on Tuesday afternoon.

The officers went to the property as an ongoing investigation the small detachment had been involved in for the last week.

"The role of all the RCMP members here is to locate this individual and try to resolve this without any more shots fired or any injury to anybody."

SGT. PATRICK WEBB

Gunfire erupted after they arrived and two of the officers, Const. Sheldon Shah and Const. Sidney Gaudette, were cut down.

Webb said Robison could be armed with long-barrelled weapons and should be considered a high risk. He warned members of the public not to approach him.

Police had said Tuesday that the public was not at risk and Webb reaffirmed that there is no risk to the public in a general sense.

Robison, the primary resident of the house, is not a suspect, but is considered a person of interest.

"It is definitely in his best interest to contact the RCMP to speak with our investigators as soon as possible," Webb said at a briefing Wednesday morning at the Killam detachment.

Police were trying to determine how the dead man was killed, Webb said. The man was not identified.

Several weapons were recovered at the house, Webb said.

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MP's ousted baby allowed in House

A New Democrat MP has closed the case of the bounced baby, saying it was all a misunderstanding.

Sana Hassainia brought her three-month-old infant into the House of Commons this week just before a key vote, drawing the attention of delighted fellow MPs who began snapping pictures of mother and son.

When parliamentary pages brought her a message from the Speaker, Andrew Scheer, Hassainia thought she was being told to remove her child, Skander-Jack, from the chamber.

But she says Scheer later explained he was only concerned about cameras in the House, which are not allowed. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Baby rules

- Women MPs from other parties asked the Speaker to clarify the rules for infants in the Commons, including whether breast-feeding is allowed.
- In 1998, New Democrat MP Michelle Dockrill brought her seven-week-old baby, Kenzie James, into the Commons as she voted during proceedings.
- MP Elizabeth May, the Green party leader, said Wednesday that at the time Dockrill was asked not to come back with the infant.
- The Speaker he would outline the rules surrounding infants.

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Some census highlights

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Familes keep shrinking. When Ryan and Ann Solomon got married, they knew they wanted to keep their family small. The Solomons' two-kid family is typical among their circle of friends in Ottawa. Indeed, couples with just one or two children have become the norm in Canada, part of a trend of steadily dwindling family size that has been going on since the early 1960s.

They're not alone, according to the 2011 census. On its current trajectory, the numbers suggest, Canada's growth rate could be almost entirely dependent on immigration within 50 years. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Ontario's exodus. When Ontario sputtered to an unceremonious stop in 2008 and 2009, a lot of people got out and walked — many westward, fresh census numbers suggest. Canada's manufacturing heartland posted the lowest growth rate since 1981-1986.

"There was no way we were going to be able to find something to afford our mortgage, plus pay the bills, in Ontario," said lifelong Ontario resident Pamela Wilson, 34, who now makes a home in the Alberta oilsands boom town of Fort McMurray. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

PAWEL DWULIT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada's condo boom. When Debrah and Joel Weiss first moved to Toronto, they wanted nothing more than a proper house with a sprawling yard and lush garden. Four decades later, the retired couple is part of the condo craze that is reshaping Canada's urban lifestyle.

Experts say fundamental shifts in population and lifestyle — couples putting off marriage and children, workers rebelling against tiresome, traffic-clogged commutes — are pairing with a growing backlash against urban sprawl to spur one of the most pronounced and sustained real-estate booms in recent history. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Westward is where Canada

Canadians ride West but don't turn into cowboys ‘We are becoming more cosmopolitan, not really frontier anymore’: Newcomers centre director

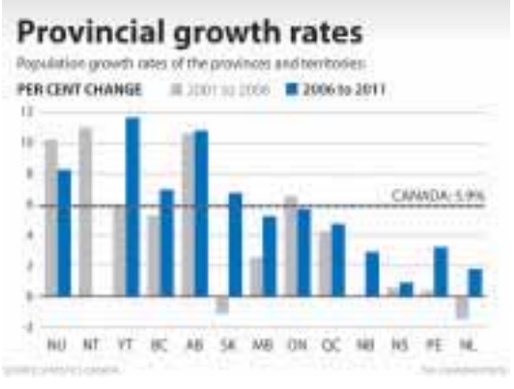
Jay Palter's impression of life in Alberta was typical for a lifelong Toronto resident: Wheat fields, oil derricks and dusty cowboys riding off into the sunset.

After three years of living in Edmonton, it feels more like riding towards a new dawn.

Nearly three years after saddling up his family and steering them across the country to Alberta's capital city, the 47-year-old social media strategist feels humbled and delighted by his decision to move to a place he happily calls diverse, multicultural — and home.

"In a way," Palter said, "being a westerner feels kind of like optimism about the future."

The sun is indeed rising on the West. Census numbers released Wednesday by Statistics Canada show that for the first time, more people live west of Ontario — in B.C., Alberta, Saskatchewan and Manitoba — than east of it, in Quebec and Atlantic Canada.


Provincial growth rates
Population growth rates of the provinces and territories
PER CENT CHANGE
2001 to 2006
2006 to 2011
CANADA: 5.9%
NU NT YT BC AB SK MB ON QC NB NS PE NL

The numbers tell the story.

Alberta's ranks expanded at a rate of 10.8 per cent between 2006 and 2011, the highest of all the provinces and nearly twice the national average of 5.9 per cent. In Calgary, the growth rate was 12.6 per cent; in Edmonton, it was 12.1 per cent.

Growth in Manitoba doubled to 5.2 per cent, thanks largely to an influx of more than 64,000 immigrants, twice the number who arrived during the previous five-year census period.

"The centre of gravity is shifting," said Harry Hiller, a sociology professor at the University of Calgary, whose 2009 book, Second Promised Land, documents how migration to Alberta, fuelled in large measure by the bustling oil and gas industry, has transformed Canadian society.

Not surprisingly, the resulting shift in economic power has been a boon for the region's confidence, Hiller said. And when the relationship is a win-win for the region and its residents, the place can change a person in ways as subtle as an allegiance to a sports team or as profound as their personal politics.

"They really buy into the Alberta ideology," he said, "because they see how it's benefiting them."

The West's growing cultural influence in Canada is as apparent as the nearest television screen.

Corner Gas, Brent Butt's smash small-town Saskatchewan sitcom, is widely regarded as one of the most popular Canadian TV shows of all time. The show proved Canadians were thirsty for stories set in the West, said executive producer Virginia Thompson. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ Prime Minister Stephen Harper looks up from dishing out pancakes at Stampede breakfast in Calgary on July 10, 2011.

POLITICAL, ECONOMIC FOCUS SHIFTS WEST

The plane zipping Prime Minister Stephen Harper westward this week with a gaggle of journalists and corporate executives could be seen as a sort of metaphor for Canada's new demographic — and political — reality.

On his way to China, Harper flew over his own political heartland, the region that makes trade with Asia his government's new imperative.

The latest census results show that for the first time, more Canadians now live west of Ontario than east of the province — 30.7 per cent compared to 30.6 per cent. Yukon had the biggest growth spurt at 11.6 per cent between 2006 and 2011, followed by Alberta at 10.8 per cent, nearly double the national average.

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What's online

How has your area fared? Check out metronews.ca/census for more on the 2011 Census.

- **Interactive map.** Have you thought lately more people are hogging your street parking spots? Check out our interactive map to find out if your area has had a boost in population.
- **Pop quiz.** You already know the most recent census has a distinctly Western flavour, but how is the rest of that data sitting in your brain? Take our online quiz to find out.
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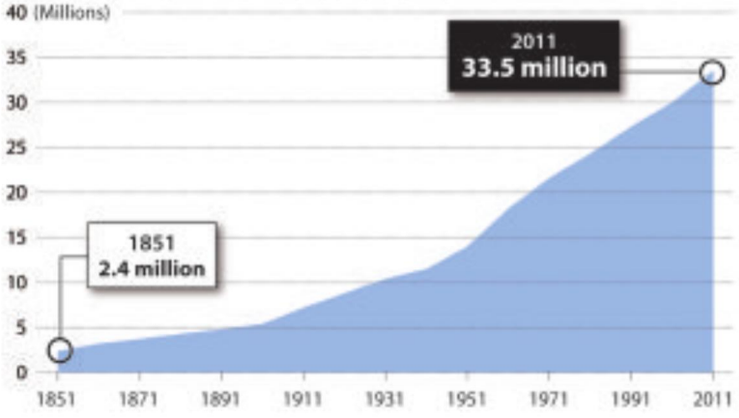
Canada's population

A look at the Canadian population since 1851:



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Metropolitan area growth

A look at the change in the population of Canada's Census Metropolitan Areas (CMAs):

PER CENT CHANGE IN POPULATION: 2006 to 2011 2001 to 2006

Calgary	12.6	13.4	Oshawa	7.7	11.6	Halifax	4.7	3.8
Edmonton	12.1	10.4	Abbotsford	7.0	7.9	Victoria	4.4	5.8
Saskatoon	11.4	3.5	Québec	6.5	4.2	Saint John	4.4	-0.2
Kelowna	10.8	9.8	Kitchener	5.7	8.9	Hamilton	4.1	4.6
Moncton	9.7	6.5	Barrie	5.6	14.2	London	3.7	5.1
Vancouver	9.3	6.5	Guelph	5.5	8.5	Peterborough	2.1	5.1
Toronto	9.2	9.2	Sherbrooke	5.5	6.4	Greater Sudbury	1.6	1.7
Ottawa-Gatineau	9.1	5.9	Montréal	5.2	5.3	Saguenay	1.0	-1.8
St. John's	8.8	4.7	Winnipeg	5.1	2.7	St. Catharines-Niagara	0.5	3.5
Brantford	8.7	5.5	Trois-Rivières	4.9	2.8	Thunder Bay	-1.1	0.8
Regina	8.0	1.1	Kingston	4.7	3.8	Windsor	-1.3	5.0

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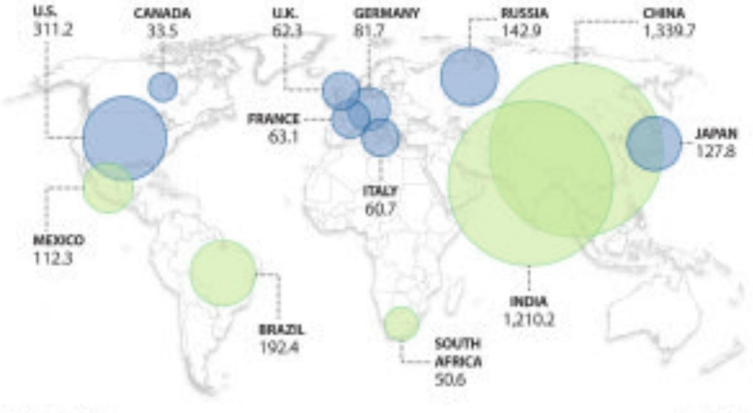
International comparison

Canada's 2011 population of 33.5 million people is the smallest among the G8 countries.

POPULATIONS IN MILLIONS: G8 COUNTRIES EMERGING ECONOMIES



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Airlines adopt all-in pricing

Changes come before expected laws requiring more honest airfare ads

Canada's largest airlines have all launched all-inclusive pricing efforts that make it easier for passengers to determine the actual cost of flying.

Air Canada began on Wednesday to advertise prices that show the final cost of a ticket by combining the extra charges that have been left out in the past.

Porter Airlines, which flies regional planes mainly from its base at Toronto City Centre airport, said it would begin to advertise the total cost of a flight on Friday.

They join WestJet Airlines, which began to advertise all-in fares in January.

The new pricing structure will factor in all the fees, surcharges and taxes that customers wind up paying, which in some cases can virtually double the posted price of airline tickets.

The extra amounts include Nav Canada fees, airport-improvement charges, fuel surcharges, insurance and air-security charges.

Consumers also have to add taxes — GST or HST, and possibly sales tax or other taxes depending on the province or country.

Air Canada launched its new all-in fare policy as it unveiled a seat sale marking its 75th anniversary. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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▶ A WestJet plane takes off from the international airport in Calgary.

WestJet adds regional airline

WestJet confirmed Wednesday it will launch a low-fare, no-frills regional airline, intensifying competition in smaller domestic markets with rival Air Canada for business- and leisure-class travellers.

The carrier is expected to launch before the end of 2013. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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PENSION REFORM

Budget watchdog says OAS is sustainable

The demographic time bomb that will hit Canada once the baby boomers retire won't cause a fiscal crisis, the country's budget watchdog says.

In fact, Parliamentary Budget Officer Kevin Page says the federal government has enough fiscal room to enrich benefits for seniors and cut taxes, or increase spending elsewhere, without breaking the bank.

The new report from the PBO released Wednesday suggests that the debate over Old Age Security reform should be about priorities, not necessity as the Harper Conservatives have so far framed it.

Prime Minister Stephen Harper set off a political firestorm at a speech in Davos last month when he put pension reform on the table as part of the government's agenda to transform Canada's economy.

Since then, ministers have used terms like "crisis" to defend the need to tackle pension benefits as the number of seniors collecting OAS doubles over the next 20 years.

One option the government is looking at is to raise the age of eligibility for benefits to 67 from the current 65. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Market moment

PRICES AS OF 5 P.M. WEDNESDAY

TSX	Dollar	Oil	Natural gas	Gold
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Murdoch group still facing more lawsuits

Rupert Murdoch's News International has settled nearly all the cases against the company in the first wave of lawsuits for phone hacking by its journalists, with a new round of apologies and payouts announced Wednesday in a London court.

But a potentially damaging claim lodged by British singer Charlotte Church is still headed to trial later this month and a wave of new lawsuits — as many as 56 in all — is looming.

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▶ Charlotte Church

News International, a division of News Corp., has tried hard to keep phone hacking cases from going to trial, launching its own compensation program overseen by a respected former judge and paying out millions of pounds in all in out-of-court settlements for about 60 cases.

On Wednesday, lawyers announced that nine more lawsuits filed on behalf of about a dozen different people had been settled, including cases brought by comedian Steve Coogan and former soccer star Paul Gascoigne.

The lawsuit by Church, a former child singing prodigy, heads into court Feb. 28. Murdoch had the singer perform at his wedding when she was 13.

Church testified that Murdoch's newspapers had spent years tormenting her, often while she was just in her teens, blowing her credibility "to bits" and damaging her career. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Dell launches new VOIP app

Canadians frustrated with astronomical mobile service bills now have a free alternative in a new app being offered by Dell.

The company has partnered with Fongo to launch Dell Voice, a voice-over-Internet-protocol product that allows free calling almost anywhere within Canada over a Wi-Fi or mobile data connection, rather than eating into a user's allotment of mobile minutes.

Dell says one minute of talk time uses about one megabyte of data.

Users get their own free phone number to accept incoming calls and the service also includes free voice mail, caller ID and call waiting.

The only catch is that users will be exposed to ads while using the app. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Harper hails 'strategic importance' of China deal

The conclusion of 18 years of talks with the Chinese for an investment protection deal marks a historic step forward in Canada-China relations, the prime minister said Wednesday.

At the end of his first full day in China, Stephen Harper held up the foreign investment promotion and protection deal as the result of legwork to repair a bruised relationship between the two countries.

"My sense is the willingness of the Chinese to conclude this agreement indicates to me that they do put increasing strategic importance on two-way investment between our countries," he told reporters.

A foreign investment promotion and protection deal, or FIPA, gives foreign investors assurances they'll be treated the same as domestic companies and allows for arbitration at an international tribunal-type body in disputes.

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▶ Foreign Minister John Baird, left, speaks to Prime Minister Stephen Harper while standing next to Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in Beijing on Wednesday.

Details of the agreement were not released. It still has to undergo legal review by both countries and be ratified before it can come into force. In Canada, that will include debate in the House of Commons.

The deal was one of several signed on Harper's first full day of a three-city tour of China, his second visit since being elected prime minister. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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ONLINE DATING FOR DUMMIES

HE SAYS ...

JOHN MAZEROLLE
METRO

The journal Psychological Science in the Public Interest has released a study of Internet dating with results that I think will be astonishing to anyone who lives in a cave at the bottom of the sea without Wi-Fi.

We media types went all first-love-breathless over the story anyway because it's rare we get to publish a science story people will click on that doesn't involve the words "primate sex."

However, if your IQ is larger than your birth weight and your technological savvy allows you to successfully use Lite-Brite, then you are likely to respond to everything in this dating study with an emphatic, "Well, duh."

"About a quarter of people met their partners over the Internet. In an online world where one of the most popular activities for years has been adorning cat photos with grammatically incorrect captions, I have a hard time seeing an online conversation as unusual."

Well, duh #1: Internet dating is popular.

About a quarter of people met their partners over the Internet. In an online world where one of the most popular activities for years has been adorning cat photos with grammatically incorrect captions, I have a hard time seeing an online conversation as unusual.

Well, duh #2: Men initiate more than women, and both sexes use an unhelpful "shopping" mentality that highlights looks and interests.

Some people cited this as proof that online dating is inferior. Some people have never dated offline, I guess.

Well, duh #3: Sites that claim to be able to match you based on chemistry are eBaloney.

But the smarmy old man seems so trustworthy! And all those happy couples standing in white rooms!

I do use a dating site with a matching algorithm, but it's not hard to tell a poor match. For instance, I avoid self-anthropologists who catalogue every instance of themselves looking into a bathroom mirror. I'm intimidated by that level of dedication.

Well, duh #4: It's better to meet in person than chat endlessly online.

OK, one thing did surprise me.

The researchers said meeting in person was better than meeting online, and I thought, "Well, you can do both."

But then I saw that the average e-dater spends 12 hours a week online looking for a mate. Here's where, "Well, duh" gives way to "WTF!" (That's a research term meaning Weighty Transformational Fact.)

That much time online seems particularly tentative in an era where a "date" is cup of coffee or, if you're jumping in with both feet, a walk.

Gosh, after 12 hours, you could have 23 hilarious rejection stories and one glorious success.

No matter where you meet it's important to get out there, meet face to face and ignore the nitpicking that might be keeping you from noticing the love of your life! Unless they don't know the proper usage of your and you're. In which case they're useless.

Well, duh.

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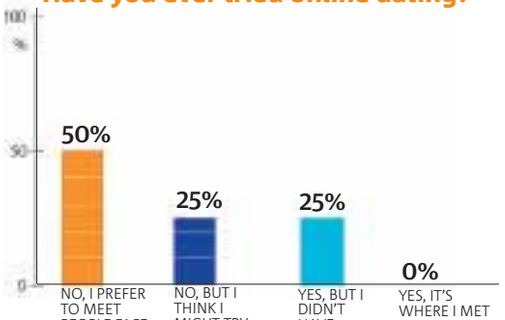
Have you ever tried online dating?



Local tweets

- **@mhowe_wpg:** Next step 4 downtown #Winnipeg renewal? Fix up grungy hotels: Wpg, Vendome, StRegis, Garrick & turn in2 condos/appts #MBBold #CentreVenture
- **@tatajer:** No one in Winnipeg has the shoes I want in my size. Looks like I'm driving down to the U.S.
- **@TransconaCougar:** Who wants to prove the Province wrong and show there are cougars in #Transcona?! Tweet me your best Cougar sighting stories #TconaCougar
- **@ejhopfner:** disturbing sight of the day: winnipeg goldeyes mascot Goldie "really putting his hips into it." thanks for that, shaw tv commercials...
- **@janelle_dupont:** I look really rough today for only being buzzed at the Jets game yesterday. I should have defiantly put makeup. #notaprettysight
- **@alysonshane:** Do you think people would disapprove of me if I started speaking with a transatlantic accent? It's so lovely.

GEOFF CADDICK/PA/THELAST130.ORG

Daily Zoom

The Great Whale of London

'Whale' points to species' woes

LONDON. There she blows! An 11-metre "whale" floated down the Thames Wednesday to highlight the plight faced by the western gray, one of the world's most endangered whales. Numbering 130 strong with only 26 breeding females left, this whale species is "teetering on the edge of extinction," WWF says. MWN

"We're calling on the banks to take action and oppose the plans."

COLIN BUTFIELD
WWF'S HEAD OF CAMPAIGNS

THE WHALE WAS TOWED DOWN TO CANARY WHARF, ONE OF LONDON'S FINANCIAL CENTRES, TO CHAMPION WWF'S CALL ON EUROPE'S BIG PROJECT LENDERS, INCLUDING BNP PARIBAS AND CREDIT SUISSE, TO OPPOSE PLANS TO BUILD A THIRD RIG.

Oil rigs threaten whales' status

PETROLEUM. The campaign group claims oil and gas drilling threatens the western gray's main feeding ground. Two oil rigs exist near the whales' refuge off the coast of Sakhalin Island in the Russian Far East. Plans for a third rig were not included in the plan's original environmental assessment, WWF says. MWN

Remembering the real whale

HISTORY. It's been six years since Londoners were enthralled by the sight of a real whale in the Thames. The northern bottlenose swam upstream after apparently losing her way. Medics' rescue attempts were followed by millions worldwide, not least by the thousands who flocked to the banks of the Thames to watch. MWN

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Breaking into the market

Chic Gamine preparing for its first U.S. release **Performing at West End Cultural Centre**

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Winnipeg/Montreal-based band Chic Gamine is currently preparing its first U.S. release, an album comprised of favourite tracks from the indie pop group's two Canadian releases.

The songs are being remixed by L.A.-based audio engineer Dana Nielsen, one of the go-to sound guys for famed producer Rick Rubin.

"Because the songs are off of two different records we're hoping to get a sound that makes the album concise and tied together," vocalist Andrina Turenne says, 30, who's joined in Chic Gamine by fellow vocalists Ariane Jean, Alexa Dirks, Annick Bremault and drummer/percussionist Sacha Daoud.

"We just want to give it a sense that it all fits as one album and maybe breathe some new life into the songs, because the whole mixing process can really change things."

Attempting to crack the U.S. music market, Chic Gamine accompanied bayou soul artist Marc Broussard on a six month American tour in 2011 and in March, it will showcase at the South by Southwest festival in Austin, Texas.

HANDOUT

▶ Chic Gamine will be playing at the West End Cultural Centre on Friday.

Major success south of the border is still to be seen, but Chic Gamine has already accomplished a lot as a band in its home country.

The vocal quintet's self-titled debut won the 2009 Juno Award for Best Roots/Traditional Album and its sophomore record City, City was nominated for the same prize in 2011.

Turenne says another album of brand new material is in its early stages, emphasis on stages.

"The last record we had studio dates before the some of the material was finished and we were learning the songs as we were recording them," Turenne says.

"It was a fun process and it worked out but at the same time once you do a song live a handful of times you start to feel like they really live inside of you and you find the best way to sing and play them. We want to give our new material stage life before we give it life on a record."

Speaking of stage life, Chic Gamine and friends play the West End Cultural Centre on Friday.

Winnipeg singer-songwriter JP Hoe will open the show.

Tickets are $20 at the WECC, Music Trader, Winnipeg Folk Festival Music Store and Ticketmaster or $25 at the door. Showtime is 8 p.m.

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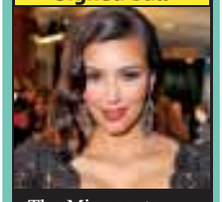

The Minnesota Twins announced Tuesday it will auction off a baseball autographed by reality starlet Kim Kardashian and her ex-husband Kris Humphries. They signed the ball before a Twins game last July, when Humphries threw out the ceremonial first pitch.

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Golden Collars nothing to sniff at; Hollywood's new award gets A-list attention

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Straight outta 212

Azealia Banks, the Harlem rapper with a sweet smile and filthy mouth, has everyone talking At just 20 years old, her fame is on the upswing

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METRO WORLD NEWS IN NEW YORK

Azealia Banks was excited to learn that Karl Lagerfeld is a fan of hers and hand-picked her for a recent project.

"I was telling Kanye (West) about it, and Kanye was like, 'Wow, that's pretty legit,'" she says.

Banks, 20, speaks at the same rapid pace as she raps — her rat-a-tat delivery has resulted in two million-plus views of her YouTube hit video 212. The Harlem, New York, native says she can feel the momentum of her increasing fame, but is very conscious to keep it in perspective. "People are starting to recognize me, but it's not quite surreal yet," she says.

"I don't feel like I've had that moment where thousands of people are screaming back at me."

That moment is all but guaranteed, as earlier this year she was the first artist announced to perform at the Coachella festival in April.

"It's about to get crazy," she laughs nervously.

The "s—" she must top

When 212 hit YouTube this past September, word quickly spread of the gritty black and white video and the sexy girl in pigtails with the huge smile who spits raunchy lyrics (unprintable here).

She's currently working on her full-length debut, which she hopes to have out by May.

"Some of the songs are there, but I don't have enough heat, especially with how quickly 212 caught on and blew up," she says.

"That's the s— I have to top. I have to compete with myself now."

What sets Banks apart from most other MCs is the wide range of styles she has already demonstrated.

Sure, other hip-hop artists may sample some indie rock from time to time, but is there anybody else working within the genre that would cover an Interpol song? Or bust out Prodigy's Firestarter, as she did at a recent London gig?

"It's just that I like what I like."

The 411 on 212

When 212 hit the web, it quickly racked up millions of hits, with many viewers speculating about the identity of the subject of the song, who Banks viciously says she is going to "ruin." The most popular theory is that the threat was directed at Nicki Minaj, who attended the same high school as Banks several years before. Banks says the lyric concerns a different LaGuardia High School alum. "It's about me," she says. "There was just a lot of s— that was going on."

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▶ Azealia Banks

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Lagerfeld addresses Adele fury

Designer made waves when he was quoted as calling singer 'a little bit fat'

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▶ Adele

▶ Karl Lagerfeld

Karl Lagerfeld has responded to the frenzy surrounding his recent comments about British singer Adele's weight — exclusively to Metro International.

Lagerfeld, who served as the global guest editor of this newspaper on Tuesday, told us: "I'd like to say to Adele that I am your biggest admirer. Sometimes when you take a sentence out of the article it changes the meaning of the thought. What I said was in relation to Lana Del Rey and the sentence has since been taken out of context from how it was originally published.

"I actually prefer Adele, she is my favourite singer and I am a great admirer of her. I lost over 30 kilos over 10 years ago and have kept it off. I know how it feels when the press is mean to you in regards to your appearance. Adele is a beautiful girl. She is the best. And I can't wait for her next CD."

Lagerfeld was quoted as calling the singer "a little bit fat" in response to a question about singer Lana Del Rey.

The controversial statement made headlines worldwide.

KENYA HUNT

Celebrity tweets

@alecbaldwin

Some people actually have salad with their egg whites in the morning. Can we be taking this health thing too far, @hilariathomas?

@jasonsegel

Twitter account hacked again. I don't understand the point of what you're trying to do hackers. Why? Sorry to anyone following me.

@SarahKSilverman

I still wake up so jazzed that childhood is over

@GwynethPaltrow

My dog is incessantly barking at the wind. What does she know that I don't? A lot, clearly.

So George isn't perfect after all

George Clooney does not consider himself dad material, based on his past experiences with children — both at work and at home.

"I've played a parent quite a few times and I worked with a lot of kids on ER," Clooney said at an Oscar nominees luncheon.

"A lot of the child actors had over-moussed hair, and one little s— wouldn't even rehearse with me."

And then there was the time he tried to entertain some friends' kids at his house with a classic film: "I love the 1962 drama To Kill A Mockingbird, and I put it on in my screening room for them, but all the children began complaining it was in black and white and would be boring. So I said to them, 'Shut the f— up!' That's why I shouldn't be a parent."

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George Clooney

Brand keeps it classy?

An attorney for Russell Brand reportedly filed finalized divorce papers in Los Angeles this week, according to TMZ.

And although Brand and Katy Perry reportedly did not sign a prenuptial agreement — meaning Brand could easily go after half of the fortune Perry earned during their 14-month marriage — sources say the British comedian has no intention of going after her money.

"This divorce is as amicable as it gets," one source tells the website. According to Forbes magazine, Perry earned $44 million between May 2010 and May 2011.

▶ Russell Brand

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Simon says Beyoncé, Mariah not considered for X Factor

Simon Cowell is taking on some of the blame for the perceived lacklustre performance of the American X Factor, claiming his natural boastfulness worked against him.

"It's only because I opened my big mouth and said we were going to get 20 million (viewers). If I hadn't said that, everybody would be saying the show was a huge success," Cowell says, according to Hollyscoop.

As for replacing excused judges Paula Abdul and Nicole Scherzinger, Cowell shoots down rumours about new moms Beyoncé and Mariah Carey being considered and explains that Madonna would be "expensive" — but Katy Perry would be "fun" and "feisty."

▶ Simon Cowell

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Earlier launch pays off for Montreal Fashion Week

Gentlemen, the time to **drop trou** is now

What's under the pants is in the spotlight Men's undergarments are entering a new era

Some items in the fashion world are simply desires, and some are necessities. Where do men's undergarments fall? Increasingly, right in the middle.

There's a guaranteed market that needs to replenish supplies no matter what's happening in the economy. But innovation in style and technology has made boxers, briefs and undershirts, once an afterthought into a buzz-worthy category of men's clothes, to the forefront.

So much so that H&M debuted ads for its new undergarment collection by David Beckham during the Super Bowl and Jockey wasted no time signing football star Tim Tebow as its new spokesman.

It makes sense as a growth category, says Marshal Cohen, chief industry analyst with market research firm The NPD Group, but it took the right conditions to get on the fashion industry's radar: streamlined design, comfortable stretch fabrics, the idea that dressing starts at the base layer and that shabby-chic doesn't cut it anymore.

Men, in general, aren't as interested in fleeting trends, he adds. They are, however, willing to buy an "evolved" product if they need to replace an old one. And, Cohen says, as has happened with smartphones and athletic apparel, sometimes men will trade up if they think there's genuine newness.

H&M must see the potential. The collaboration with Beckham launches with not only boxers, briefs and Ts, but also vests, pyjamas and long johns. Beckham said in a statement that it took him and his design team 18 months to come up with just the right initial styles.

"It all starts with underwear and you build your wardrobe from there," agrees Patrick Doddy, senior vice-president and brand director of A/X Armani Exchange. "It's the foundation to your style."

A/X's core, younger consumer isn't self-conscious about purchasing undergarments in the middle of a bustling store, he says. This fashion-savvy customer knows, just like his girlfriend or wife does, that flattering, stylish underwear only enhances his overall look.

"Men have recognized they can't do shabby-chic and look like they just rolled out of bed," says NPD's Cohen.

"They are looking for a job, or how to do their job better, or how to move ahead, and dressing is part of that."

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▶ A/X Armani Exchange's seamless style briefs.

"Men have recognized they can't do shabby-chic and look like they just rolled out of bed."
MARSHAL COHEN, THE NDP GROUP

7%

The total men's underwear and undershirt market for 2011 in the U.S. was up more than seven per cent over the previous year, totalling $3.3 billion, stat numbers show.

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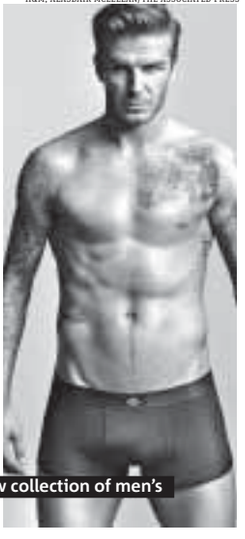

▶ David Beckham sports his new collection of men's undergarments for H&M.

From wallflower to wall power

Decor expert Karl Lohnes adds a focal wall of colour to a monochromatic room

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I'd like to add some colour to my bedroom but I am afraid to commit. I was thinking about painting just one wall. Are focal walls out of fashion?
D. Richardson
Markham, Ont.

A painted focal wall was a popular way to add colour to a room in the 1980s.

One burgundy or hunter green wall might look a bit outdated these days as today's focal walls are all about adding drama with light or dark neutral colours rather than using colour.

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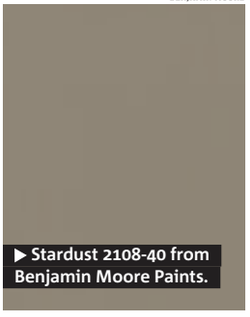

▶ Stardust 2108-40 from Benjamin Moore Paints.

Because you already have a monochromatic colour scheme I suggest keeping your colour choices for a focal wall limited to what is already in the room.

I would paint the wall behind the bed a deep version of a neutral brown colour like Benjamin Moore's Stardust 2108-40; it's got a bit of grey in it to keep the wall fashionably on trend.

CONTRIBUTED

▶ Add some drama to a room by painting the wall behind the bed with a deep, neutral paint colour.

Paint on some drama

A glossy paint finish would help add some drama and reflection from the window into the room. If the wall's finish is smooth and free of bumps or cracks then consider painting the wall with a high gloss paint.

Paint the underside and vertical part of the bulkhead running across the top of the wall; not painting the bulk will visually shorten the overall ceiling height in the room.

Accessorize appropriately

Bring a few darker-toned accessories in the room in order to blend your new wall; a dark throw at the end of the bed, a vase or some decorative pillows in a deep neutral colour will help the wall incorporate easily into your existing room.

Direct the focus

What wall do you paint the focal wall?

- **Bedroom:** The wall behind the headboard
- **Bathroom:** The wall with the mirror/lights
- **Living room:** The wall with the fireplace/or television wall
- **Foyer:** The wall the door backs onto

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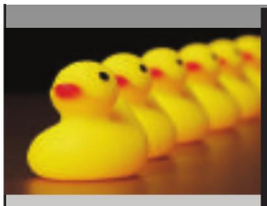
If you're thinking of cooking a special Valentine's Day dinner for your sweetie, look not further than Fresh & Healthy Cooking for Two by Ellie Topp and Marilyn Booth.

The book features easy-to-follow and delicious recipes that use fresh and often local ingredients. All of the recipes are also within Canada's Food Guide recommendations for promoting health and reducing the risk of chronic illness.

Main dishes such as Shrimp Fettuccine with Fresh Basil Pesto and Zucchini, and Grilled Trout with Fresh Dill and Chives, come with lots of great ideas for healthy side dishes and salads.



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Rocco DiSpirito offers up an alternative to typical Valentine's Day fare with this Surf and Turf Cobbler dish It's designed to serve two people

This recipe is Rocco Dispirito's version of a trendy dish served in restaurants across North America — lobster pot pie.

A typical pot pie like this will cost you around 680 calories and 46 grams of fat per serving. But the chef has downsized that to just 330 calories and six grams of fat.

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This recipe serves two.

Preparation:

1. In a large stockpot, bring 6 l (24 cups) of water to a boil. Set a bowl of ice water nearby. Submerge lobster in boiling water, then return water to a boil. Cook lobster for 4 minutes, adding asparagus to water for last 2 minutes. Use a slotted spoon to transfer asparagus to ice water to cool for 2 minutes, then transfer to a kitchen towel to dry. Remove lobster from water and place on a sheet pan. Let cool until easy to handle.

2. Heat a medium non-stick skillet over high. Season beef with salt and pepper, then spritz pan with cooking spray and add beef to pan. Cook for 1 to 2 minutes or until outsides are well browned and centres are rare, turning once. Transfer beef to a plate and set aside.

3. Drain beets, reserving 50 ml (1/4 cup) of the liquid. Cut two-thirds of the drained beets (about 250 ml/1 cup) into bite-size pieces (save remaining beets for another use). Add half of the beet pieces to a blender along with the 50 ml (1/4 cup) of reserved liquid. Cover and blend until smooth.

4. Add 16 pumps of butter spray and cover and blend again just until combined. Pour pureed beets into a medium bowl and add remaining chopped beets. Add asparagus to beet mixture along with cooked beef cubes and fresh tarragon.

5. Heat oven to 200 C (400 F). Remove meat from lobster and cut into bite-size pieces. Add to beet mix and stir until well combined. Season with salt and pepper. Spoon mixture evenly into a 1-l (4-cup) oven-safe glass bowl or souffle dish.

6. In a medium bowl, mix pancake mix and water. Drop dough into 6 small mounds over lobster mixture. Bake for 15 minutes or until top is browned and filling is heated through. Remove and top with horseradish. **ROCCO DISPIRITO, AUTHOR OF THE NOW EAT THIS AND NOW EAT THIS! DIET COOKBOOKS/ THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Ingredients:

- 625-g (1 1/4-lb) live lobster
- 125 g (4 oz) fresh asparagus spears (12 to 16 spears, depending on thickness), trimmed and cut into 2.5-cm (1-inch) pieces
- 90 g (3 oz) beef tenderloin, cut into 8 cubes
- Salt and ground black pepper
- 1 can (398 ml/14 oz) red beets with liquid
- 16 pumps butter spray
- 15 ml (1 tbsp) chopped fresh tarragon
- 150 ml (2/3 cup) heart-smart pancake and baking mix (such as Bisquick)
- 50 ml (1/4 cup) water
- 10 ml (2 tsp) prepared horseradish

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Woeful beyond Winnipeg

Jets take ugly road record into Washington, trailing division-leading Capitals by four points

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▶ Jim Slater, left, congratulates Chris Thorburn on his goal Tuesday night in Winnipeg.

It's a small road trip — two games in three days — but the Winnipeg Jets know how important it is in keeping their NHL playoff hopes alive.

"It's getting that time when every game is going to be important for us," said Bryan Little, who scored the winner in Tuesday night's 2-1 victory over the Toronto Maple Leafs (28-19-6).

The Jets (24-24-6) have played well at home, although lately they have slipped a little in Manitoba. Their home record sat 10th in the league as of Wednesday, after sitting at No. 5 at the end of 2011.

They never got off the ground away from the MTS Centre and Winnipeg's 9-16-4 road record must improve, and soon.

Coach Claude Noel laid it out at the beginning of the week, after returning from a disappointing six-game trip where they won only two — one in overtime and another in a shootout.

"If you play three games a week, you have to win two of three," Noel said. "That's the winning percentage you've got to get to, you can't go to .500 — .500 doesn't cut it."

And, as the games start to pile up, the chance to make up those missed opportunities diminish.

There are those who suggest the Jets just don't have the offensive talent needed to do much better than they did when they were in Atlanta last season.

Scoring is certainly something that doesn't come easy. They sat 23rd in the 30-team league as of Wednesday in the goals-for column.

Luckily Evander Kane, the Jets' best sniper, is back and says he's feeling great after leaving the lineup in mid-January with a concussion.

Noel has been preaching teamwork to make up for a lack of breakout talent and the tight-checking performance against Toronto is evidence the players are listening.

"We have a two-week window here where we have to make things happen. It's really hard at this time of year to make up points when you get too far behind."
JETS COACH CLAUDE NOEL

And no matter how bad things get in the Winnipeg locker-room, doom and gloom never takes much of a foothold.

"All season long we staying positive, I think that's the way we should be," said goaltender Ondrej Pavelec, whose steady hand has kept Winnipeg close to a playoff spot.

"We have to improve the road record. It's going to start (Thursday) and the next game."

It's looking more and more like winning the Southeast may be the best way for the Jets to make the playoffs. Washington recently took over the division lead from Florida, who fell to ninth place, just above the Jets.

"If we're going to make this push we've got to improve our road record," said Chris Thorburn, who scored his second of the season on Tuesday. "(There's) no bigger of a game than against Washington. They're just a couple ahead of us."
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Leaf-Wings set for Winter Classic: Source

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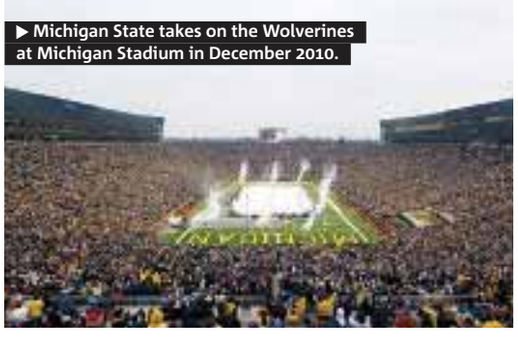

▶ Michigan State takes on the Wolverines at Michigan Stadium in December 2010.

The Detroit Red Wings and Toronto Maple Leafs could draw a record crowd for hockey in the NHL's next Winter Classic.

A source confirmed Wednesday the teams would officially be named as participants in the Jan. 1, 2013 game at a press conference Thursday.

The Leafs and Red Wings will face one another at Michigan Stadium in Ann Arbor, where the current attendance record was set in a game between the Wolverines and rival Michigan State on Dec. 11, 2010. They set a Guinness World Record, drawing 104,173 spectators.

In addition to Michigan Stadium, other games and events will be held at Comerica Park in Detroit.

News of the Leafs-Red Wings matchup has been rumoured for weeks, but the deal was only finalized Wednesday. During a special meeting, the University of Michigan Board of Regents authorized athletic director Dave Brandon to seek a contract with the NHL to host the event.

The NHL has offered to pay up to $3 million US for a license to use the iconic college football stadium, according to the recommendation approved by the board.
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4 sports

Jets preview

Winnipeg at Washington
6 p.m.
TV: TSN-Jets

The Jets (25-24-6) travel to Washington (28-21-4) looking for their tenth road win of the season. Tomas Vokoun has two shutouts in his last three starts. The Capitals shut out Florida 4-0 on Tuesday to take the lead in the Southeast Division. Alexander Ovechkin scored twice in the win, giving him 22 goals on the season. Mike Green (sports hernia) is skating again and is expected back in the next couple weeks. Nicklas Backstrom (concussion symptoms) has been placed on the IR.
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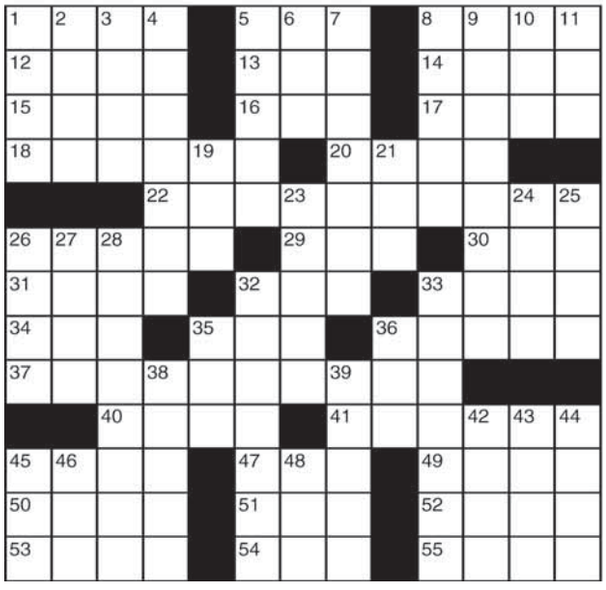

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5 Spring mo.
8 Hotel employee
12 21-Down builder
13 Witness
14 Black, in verse
15 — Minor
16 Depressed
17 Carvey or Delany
18 Thwart
20 Primary
22 Donna Summer hit
26 Suitor
29 Tibetan beast
30 Table scrap
31 Weaponry
32 Lustrous black
33 Fit of peevishness
34 "Golly!"
35 Wok, e.g.
36 Lariat
37 No longer drinking
40 KFC additive
41 Latest information
45 "The Naked Maja" painter
47 Kimono sash
49 Apollo 11's goal
50 Once, once
51 Greek consonants
52 Opposed to
53 Illicit stimulant, for short
54 Storm center
55 Require

Down

1 Responsibility
2 Harbor
3 Uncomplicated
4 Soft, pliant leather
5 Plus
6 Pod occupant
7 Beef, e.g.
8 TV, newspapers, etc.
9 Leaves in the lurch
10 Lithium- — battery
11 "CSI" evidence
19 Hostel
21 See 12-Across
23 Laughing critter
24 Rainbow
25 Director Preminger
26 Palm starch
27 Small songbird
28 February birthstone
32 Mandible
33 Sleep-inducing visitor
35 Apiece
36 Prune
38 Moor
39 False front
42 Top-notch
43 Carry
44 Oklahoma city
45 Jewel
46 Raw rock
48 Purchase

▶ Yesterday's answer

Sudoku

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	9		7		8		6	

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's answer ▶

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Today's horoscope

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♈ Aries March 21-April 20
If your sixth sense tells you that something is not quite right today, you would be wise to listen.

♉ Taurus April 21-May 21
Cosmic activity in the career area of your chart means it's time to move up a gear. It's OK to be ambitious.

♊ Gemini May 22-June 21
Your opinions seem to be going through changes and it may not be an entirely comfortable situation.

♋ Cancer June 22-July 22 You want to prove that you're tough enough to mix it up with your rivals. But don't make enemies of those who should be friends.

♌ Leo July 23-Aug.23
Sit back and let those who feel they have something to prove make decisions. You have nothing to prove.

♍ Virgo Aug. 24- Sept. 22
If you work too hard now, you may regret it over the weekend. You don't have to do everything yourself, you know. Let others help.

♎ Libra Sept. 23-Oct. 23
Focus on creative activities, especially if you've been working your socks off for other people recently.

♏ Scorpio Oct. 24-Nov. 22
Be prepared to tell someone in a position of authority that you won't be rushed.

♐ Sagittarius Nov. 23-Dec. 21 It's not often you kick up a fuss but today, you might have to. No one can tell you how to feel.

♑ Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 20
The planets indicate that it will be quite easy to boost your earning power over the next few days.

♒ Aquarius Jan. 21-Feb. 18
There's nothing you can't do and there is no one you can't impress. Make your talents recognized.

♓ Pisces Feb. 19-March 20 You will achieve more in the long-term if you make an effort to co-operate with a colleague. You can both be winners. SALLY BROMPTON

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